Right to Education

716. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aims to achieve the goal of the 'Right to Eudcation', as per Article 45 of the Directive Principles of State Policy which were to be achieved in 1960, and remain unrealized despite the Supreme Court's judgement in the case Unnikrishna J.P. Versus State of A.P.;

(b) whether any alternative measures such as vocational training are being implemented for non academically inclined students, so as to ensure that they can earn a livelihood; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Government aims to achieve the goal of free and compulsory education for all children in the age group 6-14 years.

(b) and (c) Work Education is already one of the curricular areas at the Upper Primary stage. In addition, State Governments have been advised to introduce local crafts and livelihood skills in selected Upper Primary Schools and Education Guarantee Scheme/Alternative and Innovative Education Centres.

Withdrawal of books from NCERT syllabus

†717. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the books from NCERT syllabus have been withdrawn by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the issues of communalization and inadequacy in history textbooks a panel of three eminent historians was constituted in June, 2004, to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.